Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1907, Alex and Augusta Wicks homesteaded property located 3½ miles north of Carpenter, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Alex and Augusta were blessed with nine children and when Alex passed away at the age of 47, son Wallace stayed to help his mother manage the farm; and,

Whereas, In 1937, Wallace and wife, Clara, purchased the farm from Augusta and shortly thereafter, in 1938, Augusta passed away; and,

Whereas, Wallace "Spinny" and Clara had two sons, Gail and Jerry, and following Jerry's time away from home for military service and college, he returned to assist with the farming operation; and,

Whereas, Jerry married Violet in 1966, and to that union four children were born: Robin, Terry, Heather and Aaron; and,

Whereas, Jerry and Violet purchased the farm from Jerry's parents in 1966, and continue to farm the land as their ancestors before them, facing many joys and sorrows through the Great Depression and wars, good crops and bad crops, floods, storms, droughts, market booms and busts, and family illness; and,

Whereas, For the past 100 years, the success of the Wicks family can be attributed to great courage, patience, love, understanding, good neighbors and a willingness to work hard for their own benefit as well as their community, and,

Whereas, The Wicks family will join friends to celebrate 100 years of farming July 7, 2007, and it is fitting and proper for the governor to recognize this milestone event:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 7, 2007, as

WICKS FAMILY FARM DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State